and the balance provision lapsed. A sum of Rs. 4,666 is required for completing the works this year. Deducting the current year's budget provision of Rs. 1,411 an additional amount of Rs. 3,255 is necessary under "19. Sanitation and Conservancy—Improvements to markets and cartstands". I request that this may be granted.

Demand, put and carried

(iv) Rs. 150 under "1-Land Revenue (h) Remittance of Treasure (Cranganur)"

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under "1-Land Revenue (h)—Remittance of Treasure (Cranganur)." Owing to heavy collections in the Cranganur Treasury the excess amounts which accumulate there have to be taken to the Trichur Treasury frequently. The collection of small coins is also on the increase and it has also to be taken to Trichur. Hence a large sum has to be spent by way of conveyance charges on this account. The allotment sanctioned under "1. Land Revenue—(h) Remittance of Treasure (Cranganur)" is only Rs. 120 out of which Rs. 97—12—0 has already been spent. A sum of Rs. 150 more will be required under the head to meet the requirements of the year. No savings are available for reappropriation. I request an additional grant of Rs. 150 under this head may be granted.

Demand, put and carried

(v) Rs. 75 under "1-Land Revenue (t) Anti-rabic treatment—(Cranganur)"

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* I move that a sum of Rs. 75 may be granted under "1-Land Revenue (t) Anti-rabic treatment—(Cranganur)". The provision of Rs. 25 in the current year's Cranganur Budget under "1. Land Revenue (t) Anti-rabic treatment" has already been expended. A sum of Rs. 75 more is considered necessary to meet the demands of the remaining part of the year due to increase in the number of patients. No reappropriation is possible. The amount has therefore to be met by additional allotment. I request that this grant may be allowed.

Demand put and carried

(vi) Rs. 4,662 under "41-Miscellaneous—8-Rent Control Measures"

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* I move that a sum of Rs. 4,662 may be granted by the Government under "41-Miscellaneous—8-Rent Control Measures". This House is already aware that there was a Proclamation by His Highness the Maharaja to bring the rent of buildings under control. The Rent Control Order passed under the Defence of India Act ceased to function by the end of October. Even though the War ended conditions which war has brought in did not cease and it became absolutely necessary to give relief to people who rented the houses. Therefore a proclamation was promulgated and under that proclamation a Rent Control Officer had to be appointed and a staff also had to be employed. The Salary of the Officer is Rs. 200 to 300. A typist clerk, peon and other necessary staff had also to be maintained. The total amount for the controller and the staff comes to Rs. 6,447. Out of which Rs. 1,785 is required to meet the pay of the controller which is non-votable. The remaining amount is Rs. 4,662. I request that the House may grant Rs. 4,662 under the head "41-Miscellaneous—8-Rent Control Measures".

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can the House have information, Sir, as to which date the Officer has been in the Office?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Chief Secretary to Government):* He was appointed about 3 weeks back.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vaakkancheri):* May I also know whether the fact that the Rent Control Bill which was intended to take the place of the proclamation which the other day has been referred to a Select Committee with a direction to report within two months has anything to do with the grant here now; in other words whether this amount will be required till that Bill which is sent now to a Select Committee is reported on and subsequently becomes law, whether that will have anything to do with this—in other words whether there is necessity for this amount just now or whether this amount is required only after the Bill becomes an Act and regular work is started after that. It is only by way of information that I ask.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* Since the proclamation is in force certanly the petitions and other proceedings will have to be heard and decided by the Rent Controller.

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Mr. President: May I explain to the Hon'ble Member. The Rent Control Order was passed under the Defence of India Rules. The Defence of India Act and the rules made under it were withdrawn as from the end of September. To replace the essential control rules and orders, His Highness the Maharaja was pleased to issue necessary proclamations and these proclamations are now, one by one, being replaced by regular Acts of this Council. Until such time as the Council passes the legislation the proclamations should remain in force and under this R ent Control Proclamation, this staff will be required even though the House has not yet passed the legislation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* It was stated by the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue who moved the demand that under the operation of the proclamation which is in vogue now the Rent Control Officer will be receiving applications and similar things. But unless the Bill becomes an Act after the receipt of the Select Committee report and the subsequent stages what has he to do with the application? His business is to fix enhance or reduce rent and similar things, as embodied both in the proclamation as also in the Bill that is in the Select Committee. Is it not necessary that we wait.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* This is to cover the period of the interregnum. After the lapsing of the Defence of India Rules the House Rent Control Proclamation is in force. The proclamation provides for certain reliefs and a Rent Controller has been appointed for that purpose. He will have to work the provisions of the proclamations till the Bill which is before the Select Committee becomes law. So till that period the Controller has to work it. For that a staff is required. The controller must work from the date from which he was appointed till the date when the Bill becomes law. I understand that the additional allotment asked for is to meet the cost of the Rent Controller and his Staff.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* Before the 1st October was there any Controller?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* Yes. The Tahsildar.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* What is the difficulty for the same to continue?

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It is reported by the Diwan Peishkar that the Tahsildars had too much of their normal work and that it is not possible for them to attend to this work effectively and efficiently.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* And not only that, There is a general talk that a graduate in law should be appointed so that the work may be properly done.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Of course we do not make talks. We make recommendations and representations. I do not think there was a demand in this House for a graduate in law for fixing the rent in preference to a Tahsildar.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* I think it is either by means of questions or resolutions.

Demand, put and carried

(vii) Rs. 3,500—Under "18—Law and Justice—B. 1.—High Court—Books"

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for a sum of Rs. 3,500 under "18—Law and Justice—B. I.—High Court—Books". Sir, the House was pleased to sanction the necessary additional allotment required for enlarging the Library of the High Court during the last budget session and unfortunately on account of the postal and railway strikes there have been some delay in getting the books and consequently the amount lapsed and the books have already come and payment has to be made this year. Since provision has been made last year no provision has been made this year and hence the need for the additional allotment. I request that the House may be pleased to vote the grant.

Demand, put and carried

3. NON-OFFICIAL RESOLUTIONS—*(cont.)*

10. Committee for a three years plan of Medical relief

*Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I have very great pleasure to support this very timely resolution that has been tabled by my Hon'ble Friend in the bench behind. What the resolution seeks for, Sir, is a committee—a committee to do the work of preparing an intelligible workable plan, to see that the necessary medical relief is made available to the villagers of Cochin. When I said the villagers of Cochin I do not exclude the town folk. The emphasis is

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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